Minister deputed a five member team. After the visit the team apprised Prime Minister of the situation, and suggested steps to improve the security situation.

- (c) Islamic outfits operating in J&K keep trying to create a communal divide by resorting to in-group killings of members of minority communities and thereby creating an atmosphere of fear with the aim to ethnic cleansing and forcing their exodus. To prevent it, the State Government has taken various preventive/confidence-building measures which *inter-alia* include:
 - (i) Strengthening the Village Defence Committee system by providing them Training and improved weaponry and communication equipment.
 - (ii) Strengthening the security grid around the minority inhabited villages.
 - (iii) Increased frequency of patrolling by security forces of sensitive and vulnerable areas.
 - (iv) Visits by State Government and security force officers to remote and minority villages.

After the incidents of Mehjoor Nagar, the State Government had further reviewed the security arrangements for minorities and remote and scattered populations. In addition there is a constant monitoring of the security situation by the respective Unified Headquarters level at Jammu & Srinagar as well as in Operations groups at various lower levels with a view to dynamic deployment and adoption of strategies by the security forces to meet the various challenges being thrown up by the terrorists. Government of India continues to provide support to the State Government and the security forces in their efforts.

Modernisation of Police in States

1199. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOMEAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government provide grants for modernisation of Police in States:
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of such grants provided during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that grants given to Bihar is much less in comparison to other States;
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) how Government propose to compensate the Bihar Government in order to bring it at par with other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The details of funds provided during each of the last three years; State-wise are given in the statement (See below).
- (c) to (e) No, Sir. The grant given to the Government of Bihar is in keeping with the criteria laid down under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces.

Statement

Funds released during last three financial years. i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 & 1999-2000 under Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces.

(Rs. in lakh) Name of State T997-98 1998-99 1999-2000 Grand Total Andhra Pradesh 1209.560 709.560 354.780 2273.900 Arunachal Pradesh 96,270 23.135 177.100 295,505 Assam 47.715 47.715 47.715 143.145 Bihar 783.120 633.120 508.530 1924,770 Goa Nil Nil Nil Nil 75.090 795.570 Gujarat 150.180 570.300 Haryana 71.710 71.710 319.520 462,940 Himachal Pradesh 20.345 100.000 558,165 437.820 J & K 81.540 581.540 40.770 703.850 Karnataka 200.800 250.800 621.300 1072.900 Kerala Nil 113.990 189.990 303.980 Madhya Pradesh 387.820 437.820 846.360 1672.000 Maharashtra 568.820 Nil 324.915 893.735 217.315 17.315 Manipur 234.630 469.260 Meghalaya 51.880 125.940 12.970 190.790 Mizoram 87.780 43.890 173.385 305.055 Nagaland 238.430 238.430 164.375 641.235 Orissa 104.610 104.610 52.305 261.525 Punjab 284.650 42.325 42.325 369.300 Rajasthan 77.460 154.920 Nil 232.380 Sikkim 43.015 8.610 Nil 51.625

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Name of State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Grand Total
Tamil Nadu	296.850	321.750	163,960	782.560
Tripura	246.530	23.265	177.795	447.590
Uttar Pradesh	626.300	436.300	951.065	2010.665
West Bengal	174.770	87.385	761.500	1023.655
TOTAL:	5750.000	5000.000	7200.000	17950.000

Bifurcation of States

1200. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of demands pending for consideration of the Government for bifurcation of various States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present stand taken by the Government on each of such demand:
- (c) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the demand for re-organisation of the Jammu and Kashmir State;
 - (d) whether Government have considered this demand; and
 - (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Demands have been received for creation of separate States of Telengana in Andhra Pradesh, Vidarbha in Maharashtra, Poorvanchal in Uttar Pradesh, Paschim Pradesh in Uttar Pradesh, Harith Pradesh in Uttar Pradesh, Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh. Saurashtra in Gujarat, Koshal in Orissa, Coorg in Karnataka, Bodoland in Assam and Gorkhaland in West Bengal. The Government is, however, not considering any demand for bifurcation of any State, at present.

(c) to (e) Some voices have been raised in this regard. However, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Review of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council Accord

- 1201. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government of West Bengal has sent certain recommendations for review of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council Accord; and
 - (b) if so, the details of recommendations?